

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A computer system includes a peripheral device and a processor complex coupled to the peripheral device. The processor complex is adapted to load a secure driver including program instructions for interfacing with the peripheral device. A method for protecting a software driver includes storing a secure driver in a computer system. The secure driver includes program instructions for interfacing with a peripheral device. The method further includes loading the secure driver; and interfacing with the peripheral device using the secure driver. The peripheral device may be a communications device, such as a software modem.

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